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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE: EPP RECOUP PAROLE REQUEST, BIO CAT III, LAO REFUGEE, KHAMPHATH THIRAKUL, FAMILY OF ONE

REF: A. UDORN 5742 B. STATE 178281

- 1. KHAMPHATH THIRAKUL (MALE)
- A. BUDDHIST
- B. 21 JULY 1948, SITHANDONE, LAOS
- C. PRIMARY SCHOOL 6 YEARS; SECONDARY SCHOOL 5 YEARS; 1973 BASIC ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR COURSE, LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS 8 MONTHS.
- D. 1957-1967 STUDENT; 1968-1970 MILITARY INFANTRY OFFICER SCHOOL, VIENTIANE; 1970-1973 COMPANY COMMANDER; 1973-1975 ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR, DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE/ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL, VIENTIANE, LAOS (SUPPORTED BY DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE, WASH, D.C.); 1975-1976 FARMER.
- 3. LAO (NATIVE), ENGLISH (EXCELLENT), FRENCH (FAIR), THAI (FAIR)
- F. N/A
- G. N/A
- 2. KHAMPHATH THIRAKUL RETURNED TO HIS PARENT'S VILLAGE IN SOUTHERN LAOS IN MID-1975 AFTER LEFTIST DEMONSTRATIONS CLOSED THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL IN VIENTIANE WHERE HE HAD BEEN TEACHING UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR TWO YEARS, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF AMERICAN ADCLSORS.

BECAUSE OF RADICAL CHANGES WHICH HE COULD NOT TOLERATE, HE PLANNED TO ESCAPE TO THAILAND. HE WAS UNABLE TO ESCAPE IN SOUPHERN LAOS AND BECAUSE OF RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL, WAS NOT ABLE TO REACH VIENTIANE BY TRUCK UNTIL FEBRUARY 1976. UPON ARRIVAL IN VIENTIANE SUBJECT WAS IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED BY PATHET LAO SOLDIERS AND JAILED AT SAM KHE PRISON. ON 25 MAY THE PRISONERS REBELLED AND KHAMPHATH WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE; OVER TWENTY PRISONERS WERE KILLED IN THE OUTBREAK. AFTER HIDING IN THE FOREST, CASE WAS ABLE TO SWIM TO THAILAND ON 10 JUNE, WHERE HE WAS ARRESTED AGAIN JAILED. ON 30 JUNE A FRIEND PAID A 450 BAHT (22.50 DOLLARS) FINE AND SUBJECT WAS RELEASED INTO THE NONGKHAI REFUGEE CAMP, TOO LATE FOR INS INTERVIEWING UNDER EPP. SUBJECT REGISTERED WITH CONSULATE ON 11 JULY.

3. REQUEST ORM AND INS/CO AUTHORIZE USE OF ONE "A" NUMBER FOR KHAMPHATH THIRAKUL IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B, 4TH PRIORITY. HENDRICKSON

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